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## **Inmate Dies at Miss. State Penitentiary**

Parchman – Inmate Tommie L. Blackmon, MDOC # 60095, died at Mississippi State Penitentiary (MSP) in Parchman, Miss., Friday, July 20, of lung cancer. Blackmon, 62, convicted in Bolivar county, was serving a life sentence for homicide. Blackmon was also serving sentences for burglary of a residence and general burglary.